

NR Eligible: yes X
no

Date _____

BA-2266

1933

Bissell Building

Public

Rosewood Hospital Center

Owings Mills

The Bissell Building is a two-and-one half-story, hipped-roof stone building with projecting pavillions at the north and south ends. It was built in 1933 to house female patients with aggressive and destructive behavioral problems and has barred doors and windows.

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DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Benjamin Bissel Building

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Rosewood Hospital Center ☐ not for publication

city, town Owings Mill ☐ vicinity of congressional district 2

state Maryland county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Hospital

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

street & number 201 West Preston Street telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21201

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town Towson state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

ate ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Bissell Building, constructed in 1933, is a two-and-one-half story hipped roof stone building with projecting pavillions at the north and south ends. The building faces east and is fifteen bays across on the second story, thirteen bays on the first story and four bays deep.

The cream colored stone is regularly cut in squares, with the largest stones used as quoins on all four corners. Smaller cut stones are also used for the string course between the first and second stories, for the jack arches above the windows and doors and for the sills below the second story windows.

Most of the windows have 20/20 sash, although some on the west facade have 12/12 sash; all are barred on the inside. The three center windows on each story of the east and west facades are double windows. On the east facade there is a row of seven hipped roof dormers; the center three are double windows. The dormer arrangement on the west facade consists of paired windows above each of the pavillions and a long dormer with seven 12/12 windows on the center section. The hipped roof dormer on the south facade holds a small sun porch and is covered with 5 fixed barred windows. On the north facade, five 12/12 sash windows are set within the long hipped roof dormer.

At the center of the slate-covered hipped roof is an octagonal cupola with a pyramidal roof and ball finial. The octagonal drum has louvered sides punctuated by paired Doric pilasters.

The pedimented portico on the center of the east facade has a modillioned cornice and a bull's eye design across the frieze. The portico is supported by Doric columns on stone bases. At the south east corner of the east facade is a door with a twelve light transom, flanked by Doric pilasters and topped by a modillioned cornice. There are additional doors on the basement levels of the north and south facades.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1933

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Bissell Cottage for girls was built at Rosewood in 1933 and was the first to be specifically designed for patients with aggressive and destructive behavioral problems. Although in scale, proportion and building material it resembled other buildings at Rosewood, it was the first to feature barred windows and a barred sun-porch.

The Cottage was named after Benjamin Bissell, a member of the Board of Visitors at Rosewood.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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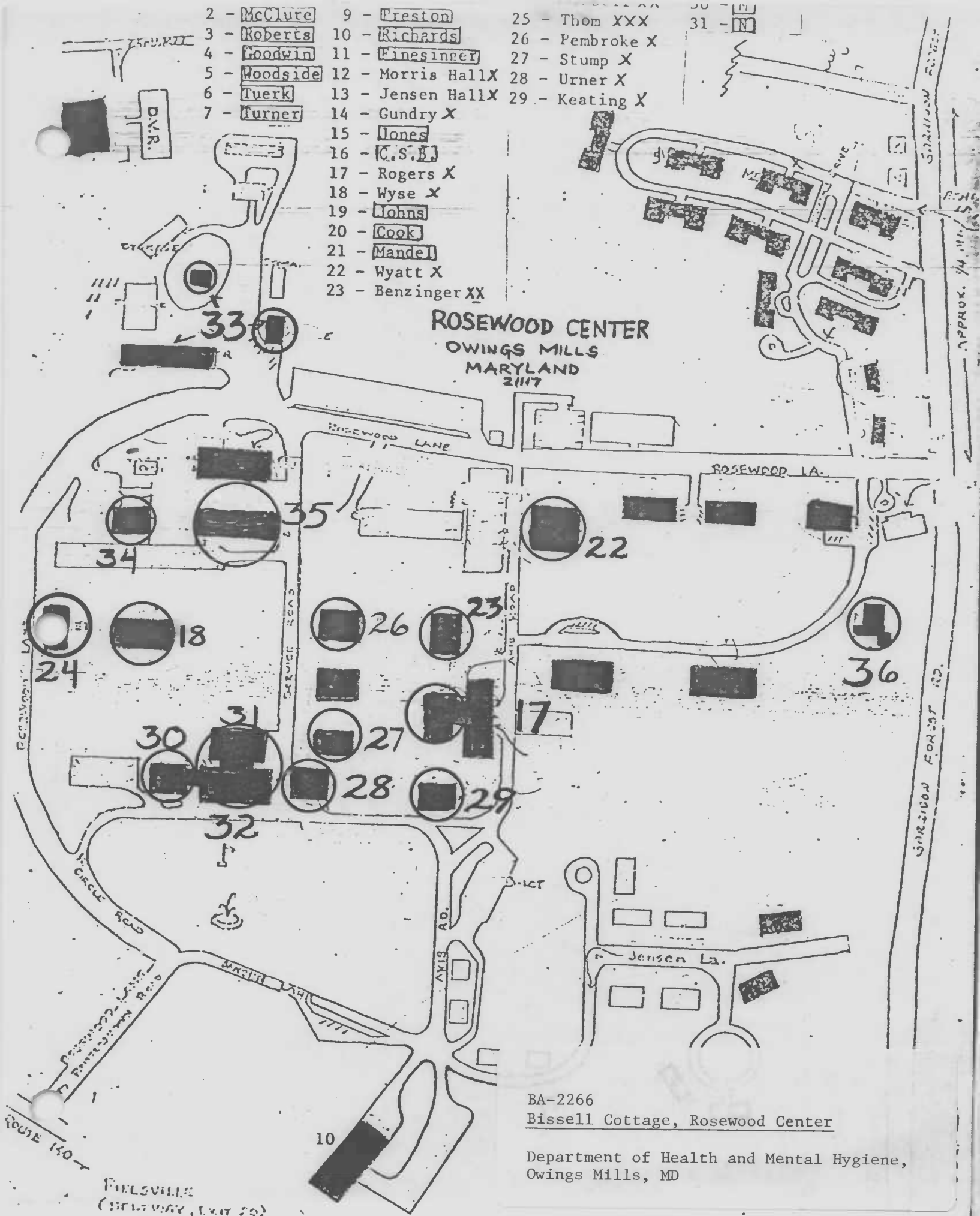
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| 2 - McClure | 9 - Preston | 25 - Thom XXX |
| 3 - Roberts | 10 - Richards | 26 - Pembroke X |
| 4 - Woodwin | 11 - Finesinger | 27 - Stump X |
| 5 - Woodside | 12 - Morris Hall X | 28 - Urner X |
| 6 - Tuerk | 13 - Jensen Hall X | 29 - Keating X |
| 7 - Turner | 14 - Gundry X | |
| | 15 - Jones | |
| | 16 - C.S.B. | |
| | 17 - Rogers X | |
| | 18 - Wyse X | |
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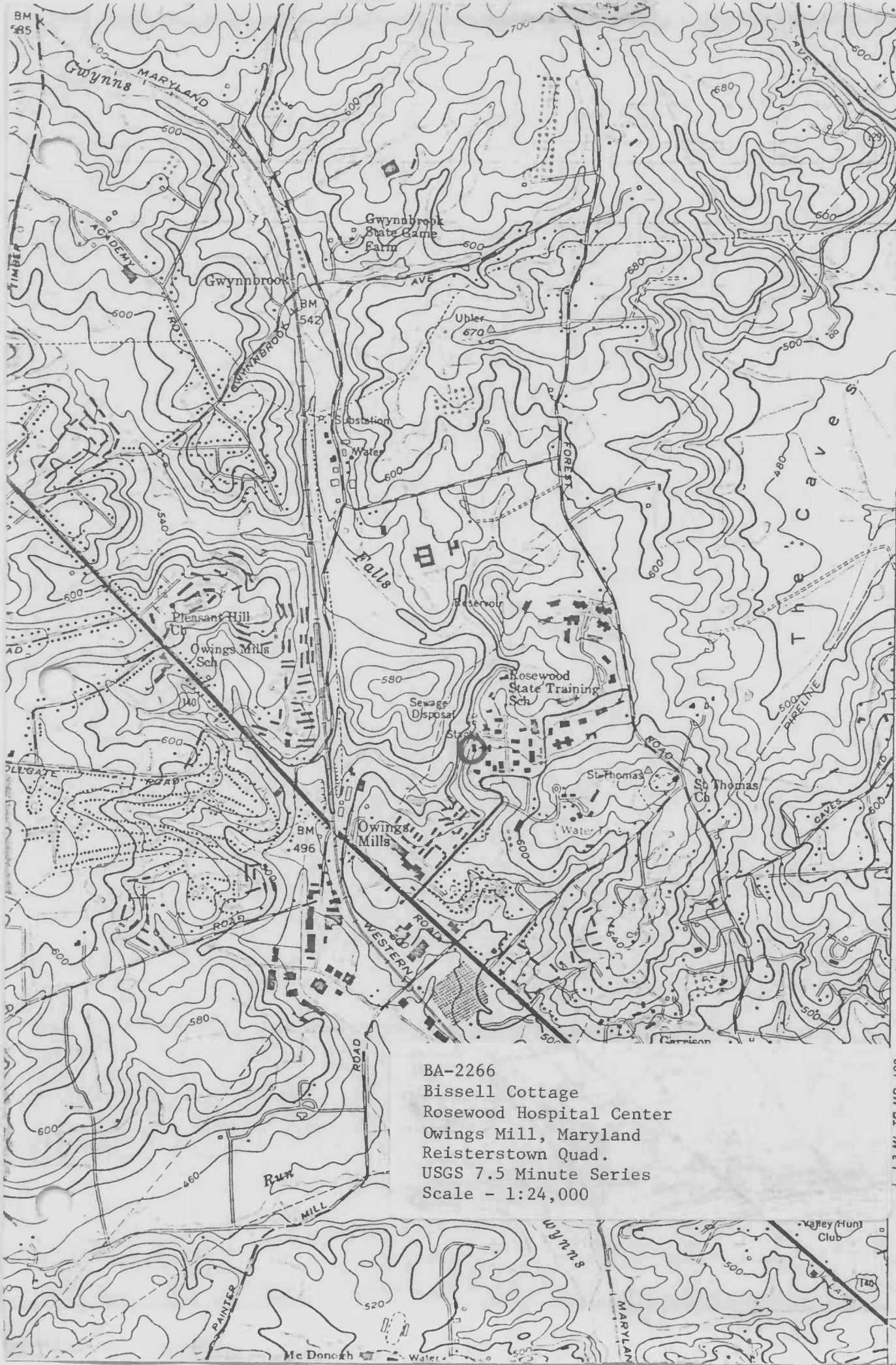
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Bissell Cottage
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Owings Mill, Maryland
Reisterstown Quad.
USGS 7.5 Minute Series
Scale - 1:24,000

3.3 MI. TO MD. 130
BALTIMORE (JUNC. U.S. 1) 12 MI.

(COCKEYSVILLE)
5662 INW

25'
4364

1.3 MI. TO MD. 129
5.2 MI. TO MD. 25

LE 2 MI
11.85 MI.



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East Elevation

Don Jewell - 4/85 - Negatives at MHT